

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ SEE BOTTOM OF PAGE FOR SPECIAL CONTROLS IF ANY**INFORMATION REPORT**

PREPARED AND DISSEMINATED BY
 CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

This material contains information affecting the
 National Defense of the United States within the
 meaning of the Espionage Laws Title 18 U.S.C.
 Secs. 793 and 794, the transmission or communication
 of which to any person is an unauthorized per-
 son is prohibited by law.

COUNTRY: **Lithuania**
 SUBJECT: **Road Data - Barbenai, Skuodas, Plakai,
 Salantai & Vicinity**

25X1

REF ID: A64614
 NO. OF PAGES: 2
 S. PRELIMINARY

25X1

THIS IS UNEVALUATED INFORMATION

S

1. A number of loose-surfaced, dry-weather, dirt roads (No. 93) on legend ran in the vicinity of Barbenai, Skuodas, Mocodis, Salantai, Lankai, and Plakai. More loose-surfaced, dry-weather dirt roads (No. 94) on legend ran in the vicinity of Berzoras, Gates, Klaipeda, and Salantai. 25X1
2. The above dirt roads were classed as principal dirt roads. They ran close to the Latvian-Lithuanian border. The dirt roads which were near the road tracks railroad line which ran north and south were also heavily traveled. Farmers brought their wares to the railroad line to be shipped.
3. The roads had a natural sand-clay foundation. The villagers and farmers periodically threw gravel and sand on the roads in order to form a hard top layer. However, during the spring thaw or rains, the dirt roads would become deeply rutted, pitted, and uneven which made the travel very difficult. The dirt road and travel alongside. The villagers and farmers constantly regraded and resurfaced the roads using old-fashioned horse-drawn wooden graders.
4. The principal dirt roads were from four to six meters wide. They were crowned for easy drainage, but the roads did not have any drainage ditches running alongside. The terrain through which these roads ran was rocky and sandy.
5. A number of secondary dirt roads (No. 935 on legend) ran in the same vicinity as the principal dirt roads. They were also from four to six meters wide. At one time these had been cart tracks and trails which were used for short cuts and inter-village or farm communications.
6. The majority of the secondary dirt roads ran through swamps and marshes. It was very difficult for any heavy vehicle to travel on these secondary roads during the rains or spring thaws. However, a horse and wagon could make it but the going would be tough. Occasionally the farmers and villagers repaired the holes and deep ruts but the repair work was poor.
7. A number of cart tracks (No. 945 on legend) ran through the woodlands, which were located near Barbenai, Gruzdikis, Mocodis and vicinity. Lumber was hauled

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

DISTRIBUTION

~~C-O-S-Y-I-D-E-S-T-I-A-L~~

25X1

- 2 -

out of the woodlands either to be used locally or hauled to the single railroad track line to be hauled away.

8. The cart tracks were approximately three to four inches wide. They were occasionally repaired by the foresters. The cart tracks were capable of bearing heavy traffic when the ground was frozen in winter and during the dry season. The cart tracks were not crowned for drainage, nor did they have shallow drainage ditches running alongside.

25X1

~~C-O-S-Y-I-D-E-S-T-I-A-L~~

